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which has occurred well below the water table. Although this deep flow and solution are entirely harmonious with hydraulic principles, an important aspect of the problem of the optimum depth of ground-water flow and solution is the matter of adjustment of the subsurface circulation. As this adjustment becomes more perfect, deep flow and solution progressively diminish and flow and solution in the upper levels of the zone of saturation increase correspondingly. In the latter stages of the cycle, cave formation probably occurs at higher levels by the concentration of lateral flow through high-level master-conduits. In the earlier stages, flow is not concentrated but is distributed throughout the entire vertical section, oriented along arcuate paths which descend deeply before recurving upward to the point of discharge."

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"The buffer compartment method was found to give good measurement of the field percolation rate of the soil and is believed to possess several advantages over the steel cylinder method which is commonly



used in infiltration determinations. The lateral movement of water is diminished by means of buffer compartments, the soil structure is undisturbed, and the apparatus is simple, inexpensive, and very easily installed.

"The poorly drained Spencer silt loam and Superior clay loam had field percolation rates of 0.04 inch per hour or less. Percolation through the laboratory cores showed the B<sub>2</sub> horizons and substrata to be practically impermeable to water movement. The impervious subsoils had relatively high volume weights, low total porosities, and low water-holding capacities.

"The well-drained Marathon silt loam had a field percolation rate of 0.3 inch per hour, while that of the Miami silt loam was 0.5 inch per hour. The laboratory percolation rates of the subsoils and substrata were over 0.4 inch per hour. In general, the subsoils of these well-drained soils had lower volume weights, higher total porosities, and higher water-holding capacities than did the poorly drained soils.

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"The stabilization of sand dunes is a difficult task at best. In Europe, especially in France and in Germany, large areas of sand dunes, once liabilities, have been converted into assets. There are also extensive sand dune areas in the United States. These are found principally along the Pacific and Atlantic coasts and along the shores of Lake Michigan. The stabilization of some of the Michigan dunes has been undertaken recently by the Soil Conservation Service. The methods used and their success are described in [this article]."

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"The organization of an efficient soil conservation service has to take into account the existing constitution and laws of the respective country. In the special case of the United States, the fact had to be considered that the Federal Government is limited in the exercise of its granted powers and that the 48 states have a large measure of legal autonomy. A special article on this aspect of the problem is given contemporaneously in the Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Economics and Sociology."

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"So far only small contributions to the literature of soil erosion has come from South African cane farmers, the majority of whom, in Natal

grow and produce their cane on slopes of varying degrees of steepness naturally vulnerable to erosion and aided by continuous one-crop cultivation. [This address] delivered by Dr. H. W. Kerr, Director of the Queensland Bureau of Sugar Experiment Stations, at Meringa Sugar Experiment Stations, will be of especial interest. It is a sage observation on the pernicious thieves of soil fertility, and an invitation to man 'to enter into partnership with the soil,' in his own interest and in the interest of the community."

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"Well-drained soils come to a more or less constant moisture content within a short time after application to an excess of water; impermeable soils require a much longer time.

"The possibilities and limitations of using field capacity or moisture equivalent, corrected for texture, in determining capillary porosity, are discussed in relation to the more precise methods for determining pore-size distribution."

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"The apparatus described accommodates 30 3-inch core samples; however, there is no limit to the number that may be used.

"It is suggested that this apparatus may be useful in other types of investigations."



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"Experiments were made on Collington sandy loam to determine organic matter and nitrogen losses due to erosion under various organic matter treatments, and to compare the amount and nature of the humus in the soil with that which is eroded away from the soil. It was found that the eroded material in most cases contained from three to eight times as much organic matter and nitrogen as the soil itself. The amount of organic matter and nitrogen in the eroded material depended upon the intensity of the rainfall, upon plot treatment, and upon the individual plot. During approximately 2 1/2 years the percentage organic matter in the soil lost by erosion was four to five times as great as that in the soil of the plots. From plots representing four annual treatments; namely, fertilizer, fertilizer + rye cover crop, fertilizer + 20 tons of stable manure, and fertilizer + rye cover crop + 20 tons of stable manure, averages of 1,185, 730, 950, and 415 pounds of organic matter per acre were lost during the 2 1/2-year period.

"Soil eroded from plots contained greater percentages of nitrogenous complexes and hemicelluloses than the original soil, suggesting selective erosion of certain fractions of the organic matter."

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"A method has been described for removing iron oxide, silica, and alumina, existing as coatings and cementing agents on soil grains, preparatory to making petrographic studies of soil minerals. This method



involves the reduction of the iron oxide by means of nascent hydrogen and its solution by oxalic acid, after which it is easily removed by washing. This treatment removed about 94 per cent of the total  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  and small amounts of  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , and  $\text{TiO}_2$ . The treatment is rapid, and produces excellent soil separates for subsequent petrographic study, apparently does not attack the soil minerals, and allows attention to a large number of samples at one time."

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"Buried soils in sand dunes of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and near Glen Haven, Michigan, contain layers of fine-textured material. Field relations of the strata demonstrate that the material was wind-laid. The size, shape, and specific gravity of the fine material indicate that it was transported in suspension by wind.

"Occurrence of plant remains in all of the fine-textured layers, and the fact that fine material is accumulating in forest stands at the present time points to the important role that vegetation plays in the accumulation of wind-blown material, even in humid regions. Wind-blown material accumulates in areas supporting vegetation as a result of deposition due to decreased wind velocity and as a result of preservation of the deposits from wind and water erosion."

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